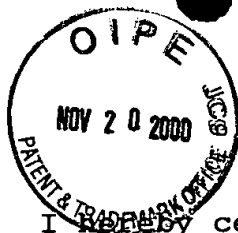


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Applicant hereby responds to the Rejection (Paper No. 2), mailed August 16, 2000. Claims 1-20 are pending and have been rejected. Please take the action indicated below:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (First amended) An ink jet system of claim 1 wherein said means for causing ink flow comprises:

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